

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4136
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PURCHASE FROM KENDRIYA BHANDAR
PRABHUNATH SINGH

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether his Ministry had waived the procedures laid down in Chapter 8 of General Financial Rules regarding calling of tenders for such purchases as are made from Kendriya Bhandar;
- (b) whether any office memorandum was issued in this regard; (C) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether due Government departments keep on buying stores from Kendriya Bhandar on the basis of OM issued by DOP&AR;
- (e) if so, why and was that DOP&AR legal in character:
- (f) whether it is the essential feature of the stores purchase policy to make purchases of stores at most economical prices;
- (g) whether the purchase of stores from Kendriya Bhandar are most uneconomical;
- (h) whether specific instance of selling computers at retail than approved prices were brought to the notice of the Government but to no action; and
- (i) the reasons for not referring the matter to the CBI for investigation and to bring to book the guilty people?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ANANTGANGA RAMGEETE):

(a) to (e) With a view to promote cooperative movement, Department of Personnel & Training (DOP&T) in consultation with this Ministry had issued an Order dated 14.7.1981 which made it incumbent on all Central Government Departments, their attached and subordinate offices and other organisations financed and/ or controlled by Government to make all local purchases of stationery and other items only from Kendriya Bhandar in relaxation of the procedure of inviting tenders/quotations prescribed in GFRs. Keeping in view the ongoing policy of liberalisation of the economy and the emphasis on making Govt. organisations competitive and self-striving, the question of reviewing the existing special dispensation given to Kendriya Bhandar, Super Bazar and NCCF and instead following the provisions of GFRs has been under active consideration and the DOP& T was requested to review their OM dated 14.7.1981 and adopt the provisions of GFRs, with suitable safeguards for protecting the interest of the three cooperatives.

(f) Yes, Sir.

(g) to (i) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.